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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING AND REPORTING  
WHETHER A MAIL PIECE HAS BEEN OPENED BY A RECIPIENT

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE MARCH 22, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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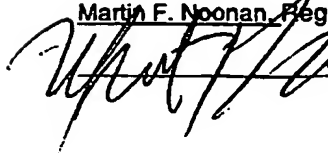
Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the March 22, 2006 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due June 22, 2006 and this response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.

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